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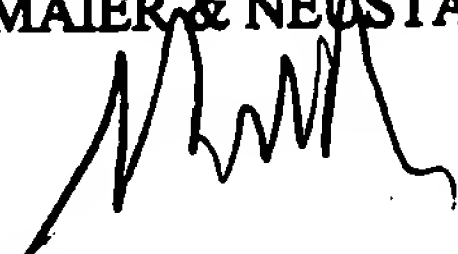
This amendment is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, which permits entry of amendments after allowance and before payment of the Issue Fee, upon recommendation of the Primary Examiner.<sup>2</sup>

The present amendment corrects the dependency of dependent Claim 17. The dependency of this claim, which was introduced during the Examiner's amendment, was incorrect.

Accordingly, for the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment.

Respectfully requested,

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<sup>2</sup>See MPEP § 714.16.



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**IN THE CLAIMS**

17. (Amended) The particle-measuring [system] method according to Claim 2 [1], wherein the processing chamber has a wall, the exhaust opening is made in a given part of the wall, the exhaust pipe extends horizontally, vertically, or slantwise, and a trajectory of particles is simulated with respect to a direction in which air or gas is exhausted through the exhaust pipe.

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